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*The soul shall be restored to the body, and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost; but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame.*

—Alma 40: 23

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## THIS WEEK'S COVER—

THE world-famous Big Ben is pictured on this week's STAR cover. The new year is officially welcomed in when this huge time-keeper, which rests high in the tower of the Houses of Parliament in London, rings out the final 1938 hour. Seen also in the picture is the famous River Thames and the prominent buildings near the home of Big Ben. (See pages 824 and 828)

# Strait Is The Gate, But How Shall We Find It?

By ELDER SAMUEL O. BENNION

*Of the First Council of Seventy*

ADAPTED FROM A RADIO ADDRESS



Elder Bennion

WHEN Jesus was upon the earth, He was under the necessity of constantly impressing upon the minds of His hearers the fact that there is but one way to enter the kingdom of God. As he moved among His people He discovered that various religious sects which had grown up through a misunderstanding or misapplication of the divine word, had confused the public mind with respect to the true way of life. Their doctrines conflicted, one with the other, yet each professed to teach the truth.

To fully clarify the matter in the minds of all, our Lord declared that salvation comes through Him, and Him alone, and that if any would obtain eternal life they must do so by following His teachings. He is the Door of the sheepfold. He is the Shepherd of the flock.

Regretting as He did the confusion caused by the diversity strait gate," for "wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that of popular beliefs, He urged the people to "enter in at the leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matt. 7:13-14)

As the people anciently turned to the scriptures for guidance, so may we with profit follow the suggestion of the Lord and examine the writings of inspired men to direct us in this day, so that we may "enter in at the strait gate."

Anciently the Church of Jesus Christ had very definite characteristics which distinguished it from all other religious bodies of the day. These characteristics were recorded in the scripture and handed down to us, and by them we may recognize His Church in our own day. What are these characteristics?

According to Holy Writ, the Church for one thing has a very definite plan of organization, with various offices clearly designated. Jesus appointed a presiding group known as apostles. These men were regarded and accepted as prophets of God. The Lord in addition appointed a group known as the Seventy, who, like the apostles, were travelling ministers. The scripture also mentions the appointment of high priests, elders,

priests, teachers, deacons, evangelists and pastors. In various cities bishops were appointed as presiding local authorities, subject to the direction of the apostles.

The Church must have current revelation, that through prophets the Church may be guided continuously from on high, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine." (Eph. 4: 14)

Prophecy is clearly designated as one of the gifts of the spirit given for the edification of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Other gifts, however, were also given, as cited by Paul, who said, "For to one is given by the spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same spirit; to another faith by the same spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same spirit; to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another divers kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues." (1 Cor. 12)

Let us not suppose, merely because a group claims to heal the sick or perform other miracles, that these alone are unmistakable signs of their being the true Church.

What additional distinguishing characteristics may we look for in our search for the true Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

Its teachings must harmonize with those of the scripture.

First it must teach a correct idea of God. He must not be depicted as a Deity who is diffused throughout space, without body, parts or passions, everywhere present, and one who cannot be seen or felt. Such is not the God of the Bible. The scriptures teach that God is an exalted Personage in whose image man was made, that as man was formed in the image and likeness of God, so God is in the image and likeness of man.

The true church, too, must acknowledge and teach Jesus as the living God, the Messiah—the Saviour and Redeemer of all. It must teach that He died for the sins of the world, and that through Him we may receive our salvation.

The true Church of Jesus Christ will be recognized also by the manner in which it initiates believers into the fold, and grants them membership in the Church. Certainly there can be no confusion of doctrine on this point, so definite was our Lord in marking out the one straight and narrow way, which is by faith, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the conferring of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands; all ordinances to be performed by those duly called and authorized of God.

It will teach the doctrine explained by Peter in his first epistle that Jesus Himself preached to the spirits of the departed dead; that while His own body lay in the tomb, He went and preached to the spirits of men whose bodies had died in the flood of Noah's day; and that He preached His gospel to them that they might live according to God in the spirit, and be judged according to men in the flesh (I Peter 3: 18; 4: 6)

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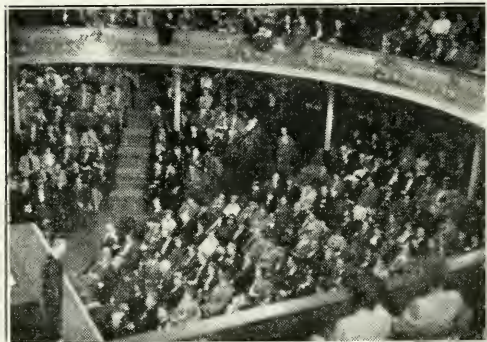
## A Backward Glance At 1938

By ELDER THORNTON Y. BOOTH

**E**ACH year brings with it new ideas, new experiences, new accomplishments. As we briefly pause before plunging in to the new year, with its stimulus of resolutions and a fresh start, there comes an opportunity of retrospection, of sizing up the old year, and finding just what it has given us.

The year 1938 has been kind to the British Mission. It has provided trials to test it, opportunities to prove it; and the mission has come through showing progress in activity, in friendship, in happiness.

It is hard, in a year that has brought so many worthwhile events, to pick out a mere few as deserving of mention, but perhaps the following highlights of 1938 will be longest treasured by the missionaries and saints of the British Isles.



Sunday Evening Session at Bradford

Missionary groups met soon after the start of the new year in conventions at London, Bradford and Belfast, and there discussed missionary duties and problems, bringing back to their districts progressive ideas and invigorated spirits.

Following this came the spring district conferences, giving the people all over the mission opportunity to hear the welcome advice, and the forceful

gospel addresses of the mission authorities.

Athletic endeavours bore fruit when at an inter-national tournament held in Lille, France, the Catford Saints, a missionary basketball team, emerged victorious to bring the European championship to Britain. Previously they had taken the British Championship held at Wembley, at which Rochdale Greys, another missionary team, were runners-up.

Then came the M.I.A., Primary and Relief Society Conference at Bradford. Into three days of intense activity were crowded the results of several months' preparation and the realization of a year's anticipation.

Witness the capacity programme:

On Saturday, following the registration and the renewing of old acquaintanceships, the M Men speeches and Gleaner Girl choruses vied for honour. In the afternoon an exhibition baseball game was played by missionaries from Rochdale and Sheffield, which was followed in the early evening by the pres-

entation of the prize-winning play. The day was climaxed by a supper-dance and variety programme.

On Sunday the day began with a testimony meeting, which was directly followed by the Primary-Relief Society convention. In the afternoon the M.I.A. convention was held; and then the high-point of the whole conference came when more than 1,000 members and friends gathered for the Sunday evening session.

Monday morning a model Mutual was presented, and the new slogan, study classes and general programme for the coming year were introduced. Achievement awards were given to the deserving members, followed by general open discussion of problems. A special Primary hour was also demonstrated. In the afternoon the Mutual sport contests were held, and the conference finished with the presentation that evening of a three-act play.

During the summer months the limelight was held by the Millennial Chorus, who were appearing twice and three times daily in various cinemas in Britain. On circuits that lasted usually a week in each city, the chorus introduced their message of good-will to literally thousands of Britishers. They visited more than a dozen cinemas, and many times the total attendance for the week was 25,000 or more. In addition, of course, the group has continued with their "routine" work at district conferences and before hospitals, churches, clubs, societies, etc.



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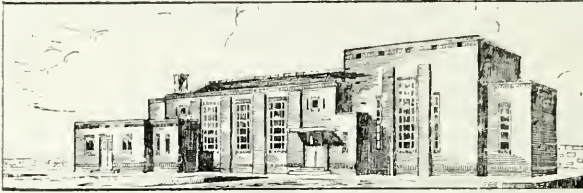
Sister  
Lyman

During the summer also, Britain was favoured by visits of President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., of the First Presidency, and Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon, associate to the Quorum of the Twelve. President Clark was here for a brief stay on his way home from international meetings at Geneva and Paris. Elder Cannon, accompanied by his wife, was on an extensive tour of the European missions, making a survey of Church buildings and property.

Towards the close of the summer season the Church again broke into prominence in athletics when the Rochdale team garnered the National Baseball Cup. Playing before crowds of 5,000 people or more, the baseball team established a reputation for the Mormon players of efficient and clean sportsmanship.

Late summer saw also the departure of President Richard R. Lyman and Amy Brown Lyman, who for two years had been the heads of the European mission. This marked the establishment of a new policy in European mission affairs, the office now being in Salt Lake City under the direct charge of the First Presidency. Once or more each year a representative of the general authorities will visit the various missions on this side of the waters.

In autumn again President Brown, often accompanied by Sister Brown, visited each of the districts for their conferences, which were finished only at the first of this month. They were pronounced highly successful and in full harmony with the general progressive trends of the Church.



Sheffield Branch Chapel and Recreational Hall

Looking at the mission generally during 1938, it is seen that its condition as a whole is sound, its attitude healthy and growth-promoting, its future promising.

There was one new chapel built this year, at Sheffield, and more money spent in the mission as a whole for construction than was last year.

In auxiliary work the trend has been up. The Relief Society has had several new branch organizations effected, with the resulting increase in membership. There is also more uniformity in lesson material, every branch has held a Relief Society conference, officers are more alert and active, and the general condition is reported as healthy in most respects.

Increased membership and attendance, greater returns on the dime fund and more activity among officers and supervisors, both local and general, have marked the Sunday School programme for the past year.

In the Primary groups all organizations are functioning better, with increased efficiency in reporting activities and in following the general programme. It is estimated that activity has been nearly doubled this year. The Mutual organizations also are becoming more effective, their reports showing increased membership and activity.

And along with the commendable efforts put forth by the Church in Britain, there has come also a lessening of prejudice. The people of Britain are now better informed as to the purpose and scope of Mormonism. The great majority of the press publicity this year has been most favourable. National dailies and weeklies have carried several complimentary stories of the Mormons and their doings; slanderous attacks have been conspicuously few.

As a farewell to 1938, we can but say that it has been a splendid year. It has had its crests and hollows, its lifts and kicks, its successes and disappointments, and we would not have it otherwise. We'll use its achievements as a base to build even higher next year, and its "failures" will keep us from many an experience upon which we might otherwise have tripped.

May 1939 be as kind to the mission as has 1938, and if it is, with our past experience to guide us, who knows what heights we may achieve?



## My Testimony Of The True Gospel

By ELDER THOMAS EVANS

**A**S a native Britisher, I desire to bear a testimony through the pages of the STAR, which I hope shall reach many of my countrymen. Long years have passed since I left the hills of Wales far behind to cast my lot with the Latter-day Saints in the West, but they have not dimmed the memories of the old country.

I was born on the 10th of July, 1849, at Tredegar, Monmouthshire, Wales, and nine years later left school to enter the pits to help maintain the family, working side by side with my father. And thus my life of hard labour continued for many years. I was religiously inclined, and with my wife and child attended one of the large protestant churches of Wales in Pontypridd.

One Sunday night in 1878, we attended a revival meeting in the church. The meeting began in the customary way, but as it progressed there developed a spirit of confusion and disturbance so great and uncomfortable that we swore we should never again enter the building. We arose to depart but found the door locked, and so we were forced to remain until the hubbub had ceased and the meeting dismissed.

The following day I returned to the mine and was introduced to my new work mate, a Mr. Robert Bishop, who told me that he was a Latter-day Saint. I told him what had occurred the night before, and he said: "Why don't you come to our meeting house? It is down the road below the mine along the right side of the highway." I told my wife of his invitation, and we accepted.

The doctrines I heard there appealed to my soul as the truth, but I feared to join the Church. I was badly afflicted with stammering, and hated to think of the embarrassment which this defect would impose upon me. Nevertheless, for years I attended the meetings with Brother Bishop, often walking for miles through the valleys to meet in humble places, often enduring the taunts and attacks of those who so bitterly opposed the Church.

Daily there grew upon me a testimony of the truth and the spirit of gathering rested so greatly upon my heart that I determined to be baptized, whatever the cost of my personal feelings. To my intense joy and thanksgiving I found that after my baptism my stammering had left me—my tongue was free to proclaim the message of the Gospel! Then, with my wife and children we laid plans for our journey to the West. For years we laboured and struggled to save our meagre funds, and then came the day when our dreams were realized. Nearly a half century ago we sailed from Liverpool and went to Salt Lake City. There we lived and worked, rejoicing in our blessings. Several years later the services of an experienced coal miner were needed among a colony of saints in the San Juan

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1938

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EDITORIAL

## *A Right-About-Face To Christianity*

**W**HAT does 1939 hold in store for the world? What will the new year bring? These are two timely questions that are not only being asked by Christians throughout the world, but by the antagonist, the unbeliever, the ruler, and by others. Because of recent trends and world-wide unsettledness men's minds have been set into a different type of motion. Some men have lost faith and others have begun to question the stability of one-time apparently sound foundations. People as a whole are in a state of wonderment. Thus do individuals look toward 1939 and the future through different eyes—eyes that are now commencing to look for new hope, a more secure future and a new type of joy.

It is no wonder that the inhabitants of the earth are beginning to look to the future with anxious eyes. With wars, war propaganda, social and economical disorders, feelings of individual and group distrust, and with characteristics of greed displacing enduring virtues of love, men are developing a secondary sense of unsettledness. Daily occurrences are gradually convincing them that few things in life can be absolutely depended upon.

### **What Is Man's Future ?**

**W**ITH such conditions prevailing, what is man's future? What is the best policy for him to adopt as he goes into a new year, which fails to give him an inkling as to what it will contain?

Never before in history have men looked forward with such concern as they do to the oncoming year. Many predict it to be a most eventful period while others look upon it with skilful eyes and announce it to be an unknown quantity. In general it seems that men with their ideas and thoughts vie over the problem of the future. Some authorities, and they are not alone in their views, predict war and inter-country rivalry resulting in bloodshed, starvation and all of the evil consequences that follow human conflict. Other officials issue the opinion that millions will continue to be spent for armaments and national defence with some arming for survival and defence and others with the view of gain in mind. In other words, the consensus of opinion of men in the world today would tend to offer little hope for advancement of the abundant life—the life of happiness made possible through true joy.

## Is There No Hope ?

SUCH outlooks and predictions lead men to wonder if there is no hope; if there is no sun behind the over-hanging clouds of darkness and finally despair. Few in the world are predicting a bright future for Christianity. In fact some give it little chance of surviving with conditions pointing the way they are today. Is Christianity doomed?

Time, history and trial, regardless of the conditions of the present time, point as clearly and indelibly as ever that through it all there is one thing that can stand the tests of the time and will not falter regardless of the prevailing conditions; that thing is the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the answer to the hungry eyes of the day that are searching for that certain something that they can rely on through fair and storm. It is the "Iron Rod" to which man can cling to as his refuge and stabilizer.

## Has Christianity Failed ?

WHAT mankind needs is a right-about-face to Christianity. Few in the world truly realize that this is indeed the answer to the ills of the sick world. All it needs is the opportunity for expression. It certainly has not failed in the past any more than it is failing today. Its influence and effects differing as individuals and groups apply it. "Christianity does not need to be defended; all it needs is rendition."

Fortunately for the world there has been and are today men hoping and working for the everlasting principles that cannot fall. These need but the people of the world to heed their words and seek the more noble ways of life. Certainly the hope of the world rests with proper conduct and paths to follow. These paths are supplied by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Latter-day Saints in Britain are abundantly blessed as are Church members throughout the world. What greater blessing could any person have than that of faith in the future? They can look to the future with thankful, hopeful eyes, convinced within themselves that the Lord is on their side if they but invite His companionship at all times.

## Our Priceless Possession

WITH heads high, devotion sincere and actions a testimony to the kindnesses of the Almighty upon His children, the saints should go forward with each day, undaunted and undismayed by conditions in the world. They have the priceless possession in this day and age, that of absolute confidence in the outcome of a tottering world.

Church members throughout the world at this time of the year should thank God for His blessings during the past year. Health, stability and all that the Gospel embraces and makes possible, are beacons along the way which remind active members of the blessings so richly outpoured by their Heavenly Father.

With aspirations high and faith unwavering, British Latter-day Saints look forward to 1939.—MARVIN J. ASHTON

## "Salt Lake City And The Mormons"

**I**N a recently held meeting at the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Mr. J. A. Pilling, F.R.G.S., of Tunbridge Wells, before a capacity audience gave a detailed lecture on, "Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Story of the Mormons." After giving a skilled account of the scenic beauties of Salt Lake and Utah in general, Mr. Pilling told of his experiences with people who profess the religion of Mormonism, whom he met during his tour through western America.

Mr. Pilling gave a detailed account of the early history of the Church, mentioning the life and character of the first President of the Church, Joseph Smith. He continued with a vivid account of the Pioneers, naming their trek across the plains as one of the outstanding phenomena of the nineteenth century.

He commented on the development of Salt Lake City and



Salt Lake Temple at night

the nearby country thus, "The development of Salt Lake City and the surrounding country, converted from an arid, treeless desert by the industrious Mormons into a thriving community, showed what was done under the urge of religious faith."

He paid tribute to Mormonism and the Mormons with the following declaration, "The Mormons are a God-fearing, clean-living, kind and industrious people. They

have some doctrines peculiar to themselves, and observe certain practices, amongst which are total abstinence from tobacco, alcohol, tea and coffee. They give tithes of their income to the Church, and on the first Sunday in each month fast for two meals, the value thereof being contributed to the Relief Society."

Rev. I. Maldwyn Jones, B.A., of Tunbridge Wells, took the chair during the evening and President and Sister Brown of the British Mission and the Millennial Chorus were guests.

Reference is made to the lecture and the sentiment of Mr. Pilling since his views and opinions come first-hand and are not tainted with prejudice passed on by those who are not familiar with Mormonism in its true light. The MILLENNIAL STAR commends men of the character of Mr. Pilling, a man who has seen and studied the Mormons and has the courage of his convictions to express what he has found to be true.

—M. J. A.

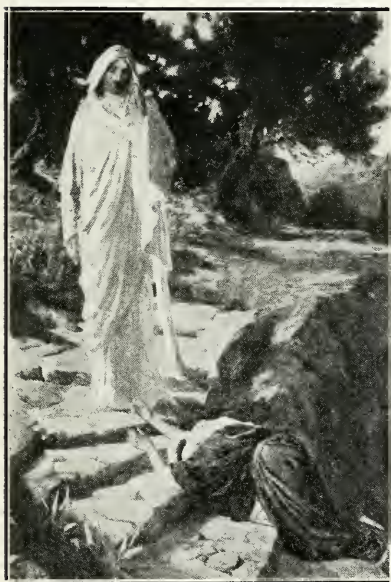
## Jesus The Christ To Return

By ELDER WALTER D. WOFFINDEN

(Member of the Millennial Chorus)

“**Y**E men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” So spake the white-robed angels to the eleven apostles as the resurrected Christ ascended from their midst on Olivet.

The prophets of both hemispheres, who lived prior to the



Mary and the Risen Christ

meridian of time, said comparatively little concerning the Lord's second coming. So full were the souls of these inspired men of the great plan of redemption associated with the Saviour's birth into mortality, that the coming of the babe of Bethlehem put secondary the great consummation of the last days. Certain of them, however, were permitted to behold in vision the working out of the divine purposes even to the end of time; and these testified with unsurpassed fervency concerning the glorious coming of Christ in the final dispensation.

Enoch, who had been shown in vision Israelitish history down to and beyond the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, pleaded with God, saying: "Wilt thou not come again upon the earth?" (Moses 7:59)

In answer the Lord said: "As I live, even so will I come in the last days, in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfil the oath which I have made unto you concerning the children of Noah." (Moses 7: 60)

Job cried: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19: 25-26)

From the above passages of scripture, we learn two very important things. First, that the Son of Man in a glorious manner is to return to this earth. Second, that when He does come it will be to execute judgment.

In all other ages of the world when God has decreed judg-

ment upon a people or nation, He has first sent divinely appointed messengers to warn them, that probably some might repent and be saved. Good examples of this procedure can be seen in the days of Noah, Lehi and John the Baptist. This has been the course pursued by the Almighty in all ages and among all people, and now that mighty judgments are pronounced against the ungodly of today, may we not reasonably expect that God will be true to his custom of the past and send messengers to warn the nations of the near approach of the Messiah? Basing our conclusion of the experience of past ages, it would be reasonable to expect the Lord to do so. But of that day and hour, we are told, knoweth no man. However, when the Apostles asked the Lord, "When shall these things be?" the reply dealt not with dates, but with events.

He showed in vision to the Apostle John, while out on the Isle of Patmos, that before He (the Master) should come, an Angel would fly through the midst of heaven. For John says: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come." (Rev. 14: 6-7)

Of all Biblical scripture relating to the second coming, the utterances of the Christ Himself are most direct, and certain. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Matt. 16: 27)

Along with the direct prophecies of the Saviour, the Book of Mormon prophecies concerning the advent of the Lord in the last days are very definite. On the occasion of His appearing to the Nephites on the American Continent shortly after His ascension from the Mount of Olives, when He said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold," Christ preached the gospel to the assembled multitude, "And he did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that he should come in his glory." In granting the wish of the three Nephite disciples who desired to continue their ministry in the flesh, the Lord said unto them: "Therefore, more blessed are ye, for ye shall never taste of death; but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men, even until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father, when I shall come in my glory with the powers of heaven." (III Nephi 28: 7)

To the Church of Jesus Christ, restored and re-established in these last days, the word of the Lord has come repeatedly declaring the actuality of His second coming and the nearness of that glorious, yet dreadful, event. To His apostles in the latter days He has said: "Behold, I will come; and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory, with all the holy angels; and he that watches not for me shall be cut off." (Doc. and Cov. 45: 44)

As the tender leaves of the fig tree give message of the near approaching summer, so the signs of today tell us His coming is near at hand.

## STRAIT IS THE GATE, BUT HOW SHALL WE FIND IT ?

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It must teach that the law of baptism, which permits of no exceptions but little children, reaches also to the dead, and that through this ordinance they, too, may be given remission of sins. Paul taught the Corinthians that living persons were baptized for and in behalf of the dead, and in this manner salvation is extended to the dead.

Sum up these outstanding characteristics of the Church of Jesus Christ as it was established in apostolic times, and by them you may recognize His true church today. But let it be remembered that all of these characteristics must be present, fitly joined together as a perfect body, for only the possession of the entire group may be regarded as a sure guide.

Where do you find such a church?

It is my pleasure to declare to you that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the Mormon Church, is in possession of these divine characteristics in their entirety. It is a church presided over by apostles and prophets, according to the revealed plan. These officers in turn are guided and directed by the divine power which vitalized the ministry of the ancient apostles.

### FUND CONTEST NEARING DEADLINE

**W**ITH less than three weeks remaining before the deadline date, January 15th, Nottingham Branch with £12:5:10 is still leading in the Building Fund Contest sponsored by the M.I.A. with Dr. Ray M. Russell as prize donor. Glasgow Branch with a total of £11:0:0 deposited during the current season is holding second place at the time and is within easy grasp of the £5:0:0 first prize.

Many branches are expected to make last minute bids for the prize money by making deposits with Elder Fred H. Thompson, mission secretary. Second prize of £3:0:0 and third of £2:0:0 available along with the first prize to branches which have not shared in the prizes previously are still within grasp of many competitors. Deposits and contributions must be in the hands of the secretary not later than the deadline date to be considered in the contest.

Sparkbrook Branch with £3:0:3 is in third position at the time, with Catford (£2:0:0), Doncaster (£1:17:6), Luton (£1:6:3) and Leeds (£1:0:0) following in order. Many other branches are reported to be holding their funds until the last week before making their bid for the prizes, so all branches aiming at the prizes are advised to increase their funds as greatly as possible and get them in before January 15th.

## MY TESTIMONY OF THE TRUE GOSPEL

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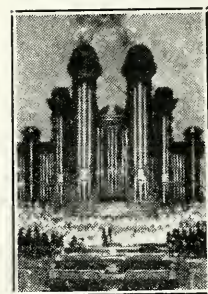
Valley in New Mexico, and so I was sent there with my family.

Today, in my 90th year, I rejoice in the many blessings which have come to me. Two of my sons have laboured in the mission field, and a number of my grandchildren have lifted up their voices in defence of the truth. I rejoice in the knowledge that God and His Son Jesus Christ live, and that they have in this age restored their Gospel to the earth. I know that men today have the gifts of inspiration and prophecy, and, endowed with the Holy Priesthood, are engaged in the work of the Lord, and with pride and thanksgiving I bear this testimony to my countrymen.

### News of the Church in the World

NOT ALL of the mission activities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are in the "outside"

world, away from Utah. In addition to a regular corps of local missionaries in Mormon centres, who contact their friends by house to house methods, as is done in the field, there is maintained an information bureau at



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Temple Square, which provides guides and literature to the hundreds of thousands of visitors that come there every year to view the fruits of Mormonism for themselves.

As a result of these contacts the tourists leave Salt Lake City with a clearer view of the Church and its purpose. Many times interest is aroused enough for them to fill out address cards, which are then sent to the missionaries labouring in that part of the country, and in this way many fine friends are made and kept. Some idea of the actual work done by this missionary group, presided over by President Joseph J. Cannon, former British Mission President, can be gained by examin-

ing their statistical reports from January, through October, 1938. Total visitors were 317,491, of whom 9,337 filled out missionary cards and 4,191 bought Books of Mormon.

Comments made while the visitors are there, or letters received after they have left, are full of praise. A typical line aptly sums up the attitude of most: "You have provided one of the finest inspirations of Christian teaching that I have ever experienced." That is the aim of Church members living throughout the world.

A SERIES of 13 historical dramatizations of significant events in the life of the Church has been prepared and recorded in Hollywood, and the records are being broadcast on radio programmes. The third of the series was recently presented, and it told the story of the coming forth of the gold plates and the many attempts that were made by men to get them from the young prophet. The general committee in charge of these programmes reports that evidences of unusual interest are being received from a wide variety of listeners.



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**MOVING** into their permanent building recently, the Salt Lake Region organization of the Church Welfare Programme is showing commendable progress in the gathering and storing of foodstuffs and clothing. The new storehouse is one of the buildings used for the Programme, and has in connection

with it on the same block a potato cellar and heating unit, with a general office and store under construction. All of the work of moving and storing was done under the Welfare system, which ensures the worker that he and his family will receive goods as the need occurs.

## *From the Mission Field*

### **Transfers—**

Elder Joseph H. Clayson was transferred from London District to the Millennial Chorus on Friday, December 16th.

**BIRMINGHAM** — The Handsworth M.I.A. organization held a supper and social under the direction of the Mutual officers recently. The meal was prepared by Sisters Alice Collins and Winifred Makin, who were assisted by Miss Hilda Hiron, Sister Violet Grundy, and Brothers Melvin Dunn, Arthur Makin and Alvin Thomas. Dancing and games followed the supper.

**LEEDS**—In aid of the Bradford M Men baseball team, a dance was held in the branch recreation room on Saturday, December 10th. Music for the dancing was provided by the "Premier Accordion Band," and Sister Hilda Jennings was in charge of the refreshments, which were served to approximately 60 people.

**LIVERPOOL**—On Thursday, December 8th, Preston Branch Sunday School held a social in aid of the children's Christmas treat. An impromptu programme was given under the direction of Branch President Parkin L. Cookman and afterwards the group participated in games. Refreshments were served, and a special cake-weighing competition was won by Sisters Monica Healey and Ada Finch.

**LONDON**—A special feature of the programme at the evening session of South London Branch, held Sunday, December 18th, was a cantata of Christmas songs. The choral work was done by two groups; the South London Branch choir, led by

Dr. Ray M. Russell, and the Millennial Chorus. Speaker for the evening was President Hugh B. Brown, head of the British Mission.

On Saturday, December 10th, a concert programme in aid of the Relief Society was given in South London Branch Chapel. An operetta was presented by an M Men and Gleaner Chorus of the branch. Solo numbers were given by Mrs. Gwendoline Silsbury, director, and Sister Alice M. Bickerstaff, Elders Joseph H. Clayson and D. Maxwell Butler, Mr. William Tucker, and "Edwina." The Millennial Chorus sang a selection of favourite songs, and the evening was concluded with a play, directed by Brother Reginald R. Brown, with the following cast: Sisters Alice I. Tarr, Catherine Horner, Vera Kirby, Beryl Davies, Bessie Hawkins and Margaret Wallace, Brother Thomas I. Watkins and Miss Isabel Maynard. Stage settings for the operetta and play were arranged by Brothers William Hawkins and Lewis H. Tarr.

The North London Branch Primary held its annual talent discovery night on Friday, December 16th, in the branch chapel. The evening included amateur acts, singing, tap dancing, and plays given by the children. The party was directed by Sister Alice Willmott assisted by Sisters Louise Lawman and Constance Chouffort. Brother Alfred G. Willmott took charge of the dancing of the group. Approximately 130 non-member children were in attendance. Sister Marie Waldram, mission Primary superintendent, was in attendance.

**HULL**—The Grimsby Branch Relief Society, under the supervision of Sister Mary E. Kingswood, presi-

dent, and Sisters Clara Tartellan and Evelyn Ball, held a social and bazaar on Thursday, December 8th. Work displayed and sold included draperies, household goods and confectioneries. Two plays were given, one by the district missionaries, directed by Supervising Elder Daniel G. Heaton and Sister Aloa Dixon, lady missionary; and the other by members of the Relief Society and Gleaner organizations. Mr. William Appleby played a piano accordian solo, which was followed by group dancing and games. Approximately 120 members and friends were in attendance.

The Relief Society was in charge of the Sunday evening session in Grimsby Branch on December 11th, with Sister Mary E. Kingswood, president, conducting the service. A solo was sung by Sister Anna Saunders, accompanied by Sister Aloa Dixon, both lady missionaries; and chorus numbers were given by the Gleaner Chorus and by the Relief Society members. Talks were presented by Sister Ellen Cavanagh, who arranged the programme, and Sister Evelyn Hall; and Sister Mary Sutton presented a retold story.

MANCHESTER—A Christmas fair for the benefit of the branch building fund was held in Hyde Branch Hall on Saturday, December 10th, with Supervising Elder M. Warner Murphy presiding. Sister Florence Fish opened the fair, and received the purses gained by individual effort of the members, following which Miss Emily Whiteley gave Elder Murphy and Sister Fish a floral token. Stalls were decorated and supervised by the branch auxiliary officers, and a substantial sum was raised. Branch members presented a miscellaneous programme, climaxed by the presentation by an M.I.A. cast of a play written by Brother John Heggibottom.

NEWCASTLE—On Wednesday, December 14th, a baptismal service was held in the Sunderland Branch Chapel, with Supervising Elder William J. Telford conducting. Fred William Oates, Jr. was baptized by District President Fred W. Oates and confirmed by Elder Telford. Elder Leslie W. Dunn delivered a short address prior to the ordinance.

NORWICH—Norwich Branch Relief Society held a social in the branch hall on Thursday, December 1st, under the direction of Sister Emma Durrant. Humorous sketches and musical numbers were given by various members, the following participating: Sisters Lily Drew and Florence Fitt, Brothers Alfred Woodhouse, William T. Rayner and Cyril J. Durrant, and Elders Scott R. Clawson, Milton D. Garfield, Grant V. Gay and William J. Seare. In addition to watching the programme, the group participated in games, directed by Sister Elizabeth Simpson.

NOTTINGHAM—On Wednesday, December 14th, the M.I.A. group of Leicester Branch was presented a lantern lecture by Elders Mark Hammond and Frederick W. Hopkins. Preliminary exercises were conducted by Brother Leslie J. Sullivan, district Y.M.M.I.A. supervisor.

SHEFFIELD—A Grand variety concert was given in the Sheffield Branch recreational hall on Thursday, December 15th, under the direction of Brother George A. Stubbs, and branch Primary and Sunday School officers. The programme was given by the pupils of the Midland School of Dancing, directed by Principal Gwenn Williams. Fifty people were in attendance, and proceeds of the concert are for the children's Christmas party.

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## DEATH

OGDEN—Sister Mary Ann Ogden, of Northampton Branch, Birmingham District, 84, died on Saturday,

December 10th. Sister Ogden has been a member of the Church for many years.

## LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

(All meetings begin at 6.30 Sunday evenings unless otherwise indicated.)

- Aberdeen:**  
Corn Exchange,  
Hadden Street,  
Off Market Street.
- Accrington:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**  
†L. D. S. Hall,  
40, Hallcraig Street.
- Barnsley:**  
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
Purwell Lane.
- Belfast:**  
†Arcade Buildings,  
122, Upper North St.
- Birmingham:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
23, Booth Street.  
Handsworth.  
Council Schools,  
Stratford Road,  
Sparkbrook.
- Blackburn:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Saving Bank Chambers,  
Lord Street, West.
- Bolton:**  
Corporation  
Chambers.
- Bradford:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Woodlands Street,  
Off City Road.
- Brighton:**  
105, Queen's Road.
- Bristol:**  
L. D. S. Hall, Zion Rd.,  
off Clarence Road.
- Burnley:**  
‡L. D. S. Chapel,  
1, Liverpool Road,  
Rosegrove.
- Carlisle:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Scotch Street.
- Cheltenham-Stroud:**  
Theosophical Hall,  
St. Margaret's Ter.,  
Off North Place,  
Cheltenham.
- Clayton:**  
\*Central Hall.
- Derby:**  
Unity Hall.
- Doncaster:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
Trafford Street.
- Dublin:**  
†L. D. S. Hall,  
8, Merrion Row.
- Eastwood:**  
Library, Church St.
- Edinburgh:**  
Ruskin House,  
15, Windsor Street.
- Gainsborough:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
Curtis Yard.
- Gateshead:**  
Westfield Hall,  
Westfield Terrace.
- Glasgow:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
4, Nelson Street.
- Gravesend:**  
Freeborn Hall,  
Peacock Street.
- Great Yarmouth:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
33a, Regent Street.
- Grimsby:**  
Thrift Hall,  
Pasture Street.
- Halifax:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
35, Brinton Terrace,  
Off Hansan Lane.
- Hucknall:**  
\*Byron Buildings.
- Hull:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Wellington Lane, and  
Berkeley Street.
- Hyde:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Reynolds Street.
- Kidderminster:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Park Street.
- Leeds:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
5, Westfield Road.
- Leicester:**  
All Saints' Open,  
Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**  
Vasanta Hall,  
Gernon Walk.
- Liverpool:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
301, Edge Lane.
- London:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.  
Ravenslea Chapel,  
149, Nightingale Lane  
S.W.12.  
Downham Fellowship  
Club, between 29 & 30,  
Arcus Rd., off Glenbow  
Rd., Catford.  
Ivy Hall,  
Wellesley Road,  
Gunnersbury, W.4.
- Loughborough:**  
Adult School.
- Lowestoft:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
20, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**  
Dallow Road Hall,  
Corner of Dallow and  
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**  
39a, Albert Street.
- Manchester:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
88, Clarendon Road.  
C. on M.
- Merthyr Tydfil:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Penyard Road.
- Middlesbrough:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
188, Linthorpe Road.
- Nelson:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
10, Hibson Road.
- Northampton:**  
\*L. D. S. Chapel,  
89, St. Michael's Road.
- Nottingham:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
8, Southwell Road.
- Norwich:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
60, Park Lane.
- Nuneaton:**  
Masonic Hall.
- Oldham:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Neville Street.
- Plymouth:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
34, Park Street,  
Tavistock Road.
- Pontllanfraith:**  
Enquire:  
81, Blynteg Street.
- Preston, Lancs:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
7, Lords Walk,  
Off North Road.
- Rawmarsh:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Main Street.
- Rochdale:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Lower Sheriff St.
- Sheffield:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Corner of Ellesmere  
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**  
\*L. D. S. Hall,  
100, Main Street.
- Skelton:**  
Liberal Association  
Hall, 13a, Queen's  
Street, Redcar-on-Sea
- South Shields:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
98, Fowler Street.
- St. Albans:**  
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
18, Tunstall Road.
- Tipton, Wolverhampton:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Washington Building  
Berry Street.
- Varteg:**  
Memorial Hall.
- West Hartlepool:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
7, Osborne Road.
- Wigan:**  
\*L and Y Station.

‡—6.15 p.m.

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†—7.00 p.m.

†—2.30 p.m.

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